

ESA Cosmic Vision Studies

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ESA CV at a glance

- Call for Mission issued in 2007. 8 Missions selected for studies in Oct.
- L-Class Missions (< 650 M€, 2006 EC)
 - Laplace & TandEM: EJSM or TSSM down-selection in Nov '08
 - XEUS (ESA-JAXA X-ray Observatory)
 - LISA (ESA-NASA Gravitational Wave Observatory)
- M-Class Missions (< 300 M€ *)
 - Cross-Scale (ESA-JAXA, Multi-scale plasma processes in Space)
 - Marco-Polo (ESA-JAXA, NEO sample return)
 - Plato (ESA-only, Planetary Transits and Oscillations of Stars)
 - SPICA (JAXA-ESA, Japanese Infrared Observatory, 5-250 μm)
 - Euclid (mapping the geometry of the dark universe)
- Current plan: select one M- & one L-Class mission in '11 for launch in '17/'18



* Increased envelope announced by D/SCI at April 2008 EGU meeting, but not confirmed



L-Class Mission selection schedule

- Missions in competition within ESA science programme
 - OPM: EJSM or TSSM
 - XEUS
 - LISA
- EJSM/TSSM down-selection in Oct/Nov' 2008. Process to be jointly defined by NASA & ESA, in collaboration with JAXA
- Down-selection (from 3 to 2) L-Class missions end of '09: OPM/XEUS/ LISA?
- One (out of 2) L-Class mission selection in 2011
- Implementation would start in 2012





ESA Cosmic Vision web page

• http://sci.esa.int/science-e/www/area/index.cfm?fareaid=100 (2 screen shots)



